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UNT (150) FIRST LEAD EXILE TRIAL (150)

MIAMI, FLA., DEC. 12 (AP) - TWO MILITANT CUBAN ANTI-CASTRO LEADERS WENT ON TRIAL TODAY ON CHARGES OF TRYING TO EXTORT WAR CHEST FUNDS FROM FELLOW EXILES.

AS THE TRIAL OPENED BEFORE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE CHARLES B. FULTON, A STATEMENT CRITICAL OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WAS HANDED OUT IN THE COURTROOM BY AN EXILE.

THE STATEMENT BEARING THE NAMES OF THE DEFENDANTS, DR. ORLANDO BOSCH AND MARCELINO GARCIA, SAID:

"TODAY WE START FACING AN IGNOMINIOUS FARCE BUILT BY SOME AUTHORITIES FOR OUR SOLE GUILT OF FIGHTING FOR THE FREEDOM OF CUBA.

"OUR MORALS AND PATRIOTIC STANDARDS ARE NOT CONVEYABLE WITH THE DISHONEST PROPOSITIONS (SIC) THAT WE CONTINUALLY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM THE CIA.

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"ANOTHER ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO STOP US FROM FIGHTING AND RECOVERING OUR COUNTRY. BUT THIS PREMEDITATED AND UNREASONABLE ACCUSATION IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO HALT THE EFFORTS OF FREEDOM-LOVING .. CUBANS."

BOSCH, 40, AND GARCIA, 58, ONE OF BOSCH'S TOP AIDES, ARE CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED EXTORTION OF \$20,000.

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